

# Free Press.

SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.

SATURDAY.....MAY 11.

**Agents for the Free Press.**  
The following gentlemen are authorized to receive and receipt for subscriptions to the Free Press in their respective localities:—  
A. Heaton, Esq., County at large.  
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M. E. Nance, Mountain City.  
J. L. Basmore, Cedar Valley.  
J. D. Cady, Onion Creek.  
All postmasters are also authorized agents.

## HOME NEWS.

SEE real estate transfers on last page.

NEW Goods, Notions, &c., expected by DONALSON & JOHNSON.

OUR physicians report considerable sickness.

100 BOLTS PRINTS, new styles, expected next week at DONALSON & JOHNSON'S.

TELLER'S superior flour and pure corn meal at the San Marcos Flour and Feed Store.

THE African Methodists are pushing their new church forward.

WANTED, some sheaf oats at this office.

THE first number of Mrs. French's magazine has appeared. It is devoted to Austin.

THE highest market price paid for old iron at the San Marcos Flour and Feed Store.

"The wreck of the Grosvenor" and "The first of the Knickerbockers," are among late issues of the Lakeside Library, and for sale at this office.

THOMPSON'S mill is now equipped with distinct sets of burrs for wheat and corn, and makes the best of flour.

QUITE a norther has prevailed for several days—about the last of the season, we should think. It was not a very cold one, however.

PLENTY of Flour to be had at all times at the San Marcos Flour and Feed Store, from ten cents worth to a cart load, first quality, at 4 cts. per lb.

MRS. BELLA FRENCH writes us that she will be in this place next week, in the interest of her magazine. We commend this talented lady to the good offices of our people.

FLEM RUCKER, a negro of this vicinity, has a cow which has twin calves, one male, the other female, both doing well.

THE supper of the colored folks on Tuesday night we are told was very nice, and the dancers did not "go home till morning."

MR. SCHLEICHER has favored us with a copy of his report on Mexican affairs. It is a large volume, evinces much labor, and is replete no doubt with valuable information.

THE rattlesnakes appear to be unusually numerous and active this season. We have been here nearly five years, and have never seen one yet, but we learn it is not difficult now to make their acquaintance.

WE are under obligations for a complimentary to the first annual re-union of the alumni of Washington and Lee University, Virginia, residing in Texas, at Waco.

See new advertisement of the San Marcos Meat Market, Kyser and Driskill proprietors. They have made a further reduction in the price of meat to 4 and 5 cents.

WE send copies of this week's issue of the FREE PRESS to several persons who are not subscribers, in the hope that they will like it well enough to favor us with their subscriptions.

THE Prairie Lea Juniors we learnt came and got conquered by our Base ball club on Saturday. The latter however gave them tickets to the theater and a handsome entertainment at night in Hofheinz building, and all passed off pleasantly.

THE Amateurs repeated the entertainment of the first on Saturday night to almost as full a house, and we hear acquitted themselves even better. They afterwards participated in the supper given by the Base Ball club.

## Personal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Hutchison and Miss Nora Franklin visited San Antonio last week.

Powell Carpenter, the jolly miller, has been spending some days in our town, and informs us he had "a good time."

Prof. Eve has returned from a visit to some of the best counties of the State, but says he found crops nowhere superior to those of this county—in fact scarcely equal.

At the Mountain City picnic we met pretty Miss Slaughter, who, while residing at this place, wrought such slaughter to the hearts of some of our susceptible young gentlemen.

In noticing our observations at Maj. Ragdale's last week, we meant to have stated that we were permitted to sample some of his native wine. It was made from the El Paso grape, and is the best we have yet tasted. However we are still "open to conviction," and willing to test further samples.

Mrs. Curran Kyle has laid us under special obligations by a present of about a gallon of dewberries. There were three or four different varieties of them, and altogether the best we have had. Mrs. Kyle represents the Burleson homestead, the late mistress of which did us many kindnesses, so that it seems quite natural again to receive them from that quarter.

The old saying that "misfortunes never come single" has recently been verified in the family of our friend Maj. Donalson. We have already mentioned that a grandchild, a daughter of Mr. Chenoweth, was bitten by a rattlesnake lately. On Saturday, we believe it was, another grandchild, a child of G. W. Donalson, died. On Monday evening the Major's wife died after but a brief illness, and the next morning, the day of the funeral, Mr. Chenoweth himself was bitten by a rattlesnake. Both he and his child however, we hear, are likely to recover. We deeply sympathize with our venerable friend, the Major, in the death of his wife.

A VENERABLE PAIR.—At the Mountain City picnic we saw Mr. Robinson who is 103 years old and his wife 102. They are Kentuckians, we believe, and were married 82 years ago! Mr. R. is still a brisk active old gentleman, apparently not over 70. He lately insisted on working for Mr. Biles to pay for something he got of him, and fairly distanced some of the young men at work in the cotton fields. He says he never swore but one oath, nor borrowed but fifty cents, and never gave a note. He is the same man to whom Maj. Burleson presented a homestead not long before he died. He and his wife we hear play together like children, and after any short separation shed tears on meeting.

OUR B. B. C., ask the use of our columns to thank the ladies of San Marcos and vicinity, the Dramatic Association, and the proprietors of the Hofheinz Hotel and Nance House for various courtesies and kindnesses received on the occasion of the late visit of the Prairie Lea B. B. C., to this place.

OUR hard-working, steady-going friend, Mr. C. Billingsly, is again carrying on Driskill's garden, has it in a very good state of progress, and is able to supply demands for many kinds of vegetables. He has his irrigating machinery in operation, and hopes to be able to supply the market during the season. He deserves success.

The unprecedented amount of property exposed to sale for taxes in Texas as the present year is the occasion of frequent remarks by the papers. Much trouble and much litigation are likely to grow out of these sales. Large property owners will generally be able to save their estates from virtual confiscation, but poor people who are unable to pay a few dollars taxes will be equally unable to defend themselves before the courts, and will probably be the greatest sufferers. It is useless to advise such persons to pay their taxes promptly and save expense when they are unable to do so.—[Galveston News.]

THE Central trains now arrive at Austin at 7:30 A. M. and 4:20 P. M., and depart at 12:30 P. M. and 7 P. M. FAST express train on the International Railroad leaves at 1 P. M. daily and arrives at 8 A. M. daily; accommodation train leaves at 8 A. M. and arrives at 12 P. M.

## Mountain City Items.

Another dry goods house being opened here by Mr. Melasky, of Austin. Mr. Young need not be so lonely now. Mountain City now has two stores; a postoffice; a blacksmith shop; a shoe shop; a wood shop; a gin house; a church and school house, and a large settlement of good citizens. Those who live within ten miles of the post office, I believe claim to be citizens of Mountain City. Many persons get their mail matter from this office further than that. There is no whisky sold nearer than San Marcos. What a sober community we have!

Farmers have little to complain of now. That frost that our prophets told us would come about Easter, failed to come. And that drought has not set in yet.

One man says his corn is head high, and will make a fair crop without further rain. Wheat still promising; some already engaged at \$1.00 per bushel.

Stock men on the prairies complain of the passing herds going out of their way to get other people's cattle. Will this thing never stop?

The health of F. M. Breedlove, Esq., is somewhat better. He is to have a surgical operation for cancer performed in a few days. Drs. Reagan and Ellison performed a like operation for Mr. Joe Robbins, recently. Since that he has greatly improved.

In a recent visit in Travis county, candidates were found to be numerous. Every voter may expect to be armed around now until after November.

Capt. Kyle and David Barbee, what a pity we cannot vote for both of them for sheriff! Wonder if that little Wren at San Marcos has any notion of splitting the difference between them? Col. John W. Bunton, an old citizen and a signer of the Texas Declaration of Independence accepted an invitation of the fire companies of Austin to attend their picnic near Round Rock, on the 22nd. Hope he did not get a wetting that day. Col. Bunton made one of the first speeches in favor of Texas independence in Bastrop.

ALEXIS.

At our picnic Parson Fisher related a good anecdote of a mule which, having been bought of a pious negro preacher, refused to go to mill on Sunday. The moral was that men as well as mules might be formed to good habits.

WE acknowledge a complimentary to the second annual Mai Fest at Waco.

J. M. Day, of Austin sold, 2000 head of cattle for \$19,000. The cattle are to be driven to Fort Laramie, in Wyoming.

THE bumble-bees have holes and build their hives in the cedar rails of the fences. They almost devour them sometimes. It is odd to hear their "bumming" as you ride along side the fences at this season of the year.

DALLAS and Denton counties divide the train robberies as enumerated by Major Jones. They do not have so much to say on the subject as they used to when we had one or two stage robberies in this county.

The San Antonio papers publish a bull against bull-fighting, fulminated by the Episcopal convocation at San Antonio, for the purpose of obtaining a repeal of the law which disgraces the statutes of Texas, by licensing the practice.

OUR neighbor, Mr. Harvey, informs us that the so called army worms are not the genuine article. He has seen them several times before, and regards them as merely a local and temporary trouble.

WHILE on Onion creek we learned that Austin, in some respects at least, is a cheaper provision market than San Marcos. Butter sells there at 10 cts, eggs have sold from three to five cts. per dozen, but we were told would now command no price.

MR. BILES, to whom reference is made in our account of our trip to the Mountain City and Onion creek country, has one of the finest short horn bulls we have ever seen—and we have seen some of the finest in the world. He is three years old, and in form, size, color and the rest is a model and a beauty. He was imported by Mr. Biles when a calf, and is from the herd of a noted stock man of Missouri. His pedigree is first class. Mr. Biles resides a short distance this side of Manchaca, near the Austin road, and all interested in the improvement of our stock would do well to go and see this fine animal.

## Died.

On the evening of the 3rd inst., EDWARD CARLTON, son of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. W. Donalson.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS.

ELECTION, NOVEMBER 5, 1878.

COUNTY PROSECUTOR:

We are authorized to announce F. J. MANLOVE as a candidate for reelection to the office of Prosecuting Attorney for Hays county.

SHERIFF:

We are authorized to announce DAVID A. BARBEE as a candidate for Sheriff of Hays county.

We are authorized to announce CAPT. FERG. KYLE as a candidate for Sheriff of Hays county.

IN the contest between the San Marcos and Prairie Lea Base Ball clubs on Saturday, referred to in another place, the former were the victors by a score of 45 to 32. We have been handed an extended report, but regret that want of space precludes its insertion. The time of the game was 3 hours 30 seconds, Samuel Kone scorer for San Marcos, Mr. Afleck for Prairie Lea, Thos. H. Franklin umpire. We learn the Prairie Lea boys expressed themselves as highly pleased with their trip and reception, and at the supper publicly thanked the San Marcos ladies, the Amateur performers and the San Marcos B. B. C. for courtesies extended.

A MR. DENNY, of Austin, is keeping at Maj. Nance's a fine Norman stallion—a real earth-shaking specimen of the equine tribe. It is refreshing to see a horse of this class down here among the mustangs. That is the kind of stock it is desirable to introduce in order to the "good time coming" when Texas farmers will actually plow their fields instead of merely scratching over them as is common at present.

THIS is no apology for whisky drinking; it is a medicine that cannot be used to intoxicate; it produces a tonic effect, as well as acts as a cathartic. In fact, Simmons' Liver Regulator is pronounced an unexceptionable medicine. Genuine prepared only by J. H. Zeil-in & Co., Philadelphia.

CLIFFORD'S FEVERFUGE, OR FEVER AND AGUE CURE.—This preparation is obtained by a newly discovered process, and contains all the active medicinal principles of East India Cinchona bark, grown on the Neilgherry hills, from which all the irritant properties have been eliminated. It is nature's own remedy for all diseases arising from Malarial poison. Palatable, Powerful, Anti-periodic and Tonic, it never fails to cure Fever and Ague, Dumb Chills, Congestive Chills, Bilious Fever, Periodical Neuralgia, and all diseases of Malarial origin.

J. C. RICHARDSON, Proprietor, St. Louis.

For sale by all Druggists. April 27-4w

DR. C. W. BENSON'S CELERY AND CHAMOMILE PILLS are prepared expressly to cure Sick Headache, Nervous Headache, Dyspeptic Headache, Neuralgia, Nervousness and Sleeplessness, and will cure any case. Price fifty cents a box, 30 pills, postage free. Sold by all druggists. Office, No. 106, N. Eutaw st., Baltimore Md. April 27 ly.

QUERY: "Why will men smoke common tobacco, when they can buy Marburg Bros. 'Seal of North Carolina,' at the same price?" Feb. 2-ly

## The Laboratory of the System.

The stomach is the laboratory of the system, in which certain mysterious processes are constantly going on. These result in the production of that wonderful vivifying agent the blood, which in a state of health rushes laden with the elements of vitality to the remotest parts of the system. But when the stomach is semi-paralyzed by dyspepsia, blood manufacture is carried on imperfectly, the circulation grows thin and sluggish, and the system suffers in consequence. Moreover, indigestion reacts upon the liver and bowels, rendering the first sluggish and the latter constipated. The brain also suffers by sympathy, and sick headaches, sleeplessness and nervous symptoms are engendered. Hostetter's Stomach Bitters reforms this state of things, gives permanent tone and regularity to the stomach and its associate organs, the bowels and liver, and ensures complete nourishment and increased vigor of the system. It is the most popular as well as the most efficient anti-dyspeptic and tonic in America.

## NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

KYSER & DRISKILL,  
**MEAT MARKET!**  
N. W. Cor. Plaza,  
SAN MARCOS, TEX.

Would announce to their friends and the public that they have permanently engaged in the business above indicated.

EST- The highest price paid for good fat cattle. May 11-3m.

ESTRAY NOTICE.  
ESTRAYED—by C. G. Montgomery, before C. W. Grooms, J. P., H. Co., April 29, 1878, one small sorrel mare, four years old, and branded 2 R on the left shoulder. Appraised at \$10.00. Witness my hand April 29, 1878.

ED. J. L. GREEN, C. C. H. Co.

ESTRAYED—by Samuel R. Kone, before C. W. Grooms, J. P., H. Co., April 30, 1878, one gray mare, about ten years old, branded and counter-branded C S on left shoulder, also C on the left shoulder and S on the jaw. Appraised at \$25.00. Given under my hand April 30, 1878.

ED. J. L. GREEN, Clerk C. C. H. Co. May 4-3w

## BUSINESS CARDS.

MITCHELL & GLOVER,  
**BANKERS,**  
San Marcos, Texas.  
Collection promptly attended to. Feb 1-ly

W. O. HUTCHISON. THOS. H. FRANKLIN.  
**HUTCHISON & FRANKLIN,**  
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,  
San Marcos, Tex.  
Prompt attention paid to Collecting Claims and Examining Land Titles. Feb 1-ly

S. B. McBRIDE,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.  
Will give prompt attention to all legal business offered him, and especially to the collection of Claims. sep-ly

WOODS & BLAKEMORE,  
PRACTICING PHYSICIANS!  
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.  
Office at Drug Store of Reynolds & Daniel. June-ly

TRAVIS HOUSE!  
S. W. COR. PLAZA,  
OPPOSITE BALES STABLE.  
W. Z. DRISKILL, - Proprietor  
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.  
Every effort will be made to give satisfaction to home patrons and the traveling public.

STERLING FISHER  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
General Land and Collecting Agent  
SAN MARCOS, TEXAS.  
Office in Court house. Will buy and sell lands, examine titles, render assessments, pay taxes, &c. an 23-ly

OTTO GRAMM,  
DRUGGIST.  
(Successor to A. N. DUNN & Company.)  
TRAVIS CORNER.

DEALER IN DRUGS, MEDICINES, PERFUMES, Oils, Sponges, Trusses and Surgical Instruments, Oils, Varnish and Window Glass. Best Wines and Liquors for medicinal purposes. Prescriptions carefully prepared, day and night. San Marcos, June 23. 71

J. H. COMBS,  
DENTAL SURGEON,  
Mechanical and  
Operative Dentist.  
In its various branches at reasonable rates. All work done in the latest style. Diseased gums and bad breath promptly relieved. Feb. 1, 1-y

CHAS. BOCK,  
—DEALER IN—  
**FAMILY GROCERIES,**  
Has opened at his old stand in San Marcos, where he will keep a full stock of goods in his line, and sell as cheap as the cheapest.  
Brands, Wines, Whisky and Beer always on hand and sold on physicians prescription only. Sept. 29-ly

DAN. HOFHEINZ  
Would respectfully announce to the people of San Marcos and vicinity that he has opened a  
**MILLINERY STORE,**  
In his new Hotel Building, south-east corner of the Plaza, where will constantly be found a full line of Ladies' Bonnets, Hats, Trimmings, and all other  
**MILLINERY GOODS**  
Of the best quality and most fashionable styles.

BONNET TRIMMING and all other work in that department will be attended to by ladies of approved skill and fine artistic taste. Polite attention to all.

PRICES LOW!  
The ladies are invited to call and see for themselves. April 16-ly

DR. W. H. DOHMEN,  
**OCULIST.**

Office: Old Post Office, Rear Corner Avenue Hotel.

AUSTIN, TEXAS.

Office hours daily from 10 to 1; at Residence from 8 to 5.

Sept. 22-ly

O. T. BROWN,  
ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
AND LAND AND COLLECTING AGENT,  
San Marcos, Hays County, Texas.  
In the practice in Hays County will be associated with

WILLIAM H. BURGESS,  
Of Seguin, Guadalupe County, Texas.

1st—In all their criminal cases in the District Court.

2d—In such civil cases in the District Court, as, in such cases, either civil or criminal, in the other Courts, wherein both may be expressly retained. May 12-ly

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—AND—  
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